

Welcome to new member Elen Shepard. Thank you to Sustaining Members the Fink Family.

Neighborhood Block Party Aug. 25th on Leland Ave., between Rockwell & Campbell from 2 - 9 pm

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Are You New to the Neighborhood?

If you are, or if you have new tenants or new neighbors who have moved into our community recently, we have a "Welcome Kit" available which contains fliers and information about the GRO area, Lincoln Square community and the 47th Ward. To obtain a copy, please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 and leave your name, address and telephone number. Also let me know if you have a secure mail slot where the kit can be deposited.

Maria Bappert

Volunteers are needed as GRO liasons to meet with the Beat 1911 group for public safety and the 47th Ward Alderman's office. Please come to a meeting or email if you would like to participate.

What is a Hackerspace?

Good news, everyone! There is a hackerspace right in our backyard. At least this is good news if you know what a hackerspace is in the first place.

Pumping Station: One is located at 3915 N. Elston Avenue. This is a new location that has been moved into this July. One easy explanation for a hackerspace is that it functions as the "ultimate garage work shop". There is an electronics laboratory, a metal shop, welding equipment, a wood shop, a sewing area, weaving looms, an arts and crafts area and a whole lot more. Hackerspaces idealize shared resources and are a reflection of the cultural shift toward shared resources, similar to I-Go or Zip-car rentals. People share resources rather than engage in the consumer model of buying things. The space

is supported by membership dues that cover rent, utilities and acquiring more equipment.

The resources at Pumping Station: One are more than just physical. Members teach a wide range of skills and classes. There are electronics and computer programming classes, mechanical classes, arts and crafts lessons, knitting and more.

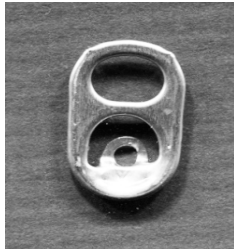
Members also certify each other to use various pieces of equipment safely and correctly. I am looking at the potential welding classes and the wood lathe with interest myself. People pool their talents for projects. Some people will be making a movie while others are building musical instruments. Part of the delight is seeing what everyone is working on in the space. Members are growing and changing along with the space itself.

Easy Donation Request

Maria Bappert is asking families and business to save the aluminum pull tabs from aluminum cans.

Tabs can come from beverage cans, including soda and beer cans, or cat food cans. She has been submitting them for fund-raising purposes through

Kiwanas which is working on raising money for a children's hospital.



Collected pull tabs can be brought to the monthly GRO meeting.

Shellie Lewis

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Another resource is social, with a great deal of fun with geekery. Members built a life size Dr. Who TARDIS then started added elec-

August Calendar

- 5 Graceland West Garden Walk, start at 4334 N. Greenview, Free, 12 - 5 pm
- 6 Horner Park Advisory Council @ Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California, 7:00 pm
- 7 GRO Meeting @ Luther Memorial Church on the (corner of Campbell & Wilson), 7:30 pm
- 14 Gross Park Advisory Council @ Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw, 6:00 pm
- 21 Beat 1911 Meeting at Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Avenue, 7:00 pm
- 20 Manor Garden Club meeting, 7:30 pm at Luther Memorial Church
- 22 Apple Fest in Lincoln Square, 4700 block of Lincoln Ave., 8 am - 5 pm
- 25 GRO Block Party, Leland Avenue (between Rockwell & Campbell), 2 - 9 pm

tronics including lights, a computer and screen to it. Racing modified Powerwheels, the children's toy, on an interstate circuit is a popular pastime. Beer enthusiasts exchange home brewing recipes. People experiment with robotics and tinkerers troubleshoot their inventions.

Hackerspaces value the open exchange of knowledge and the perpetuation of more hackerspaces. They are not in the business of being competitive. Members of South Side Hackers came to help with the

dirty work of moving equipment in the heat of July. Spaces sponsor each other in different states and internationally. Travelers come to visit Pumping Station: One from across the nation and from different countries. A recent visitor from New Zealand is touring the USA visiting as many hackerspaces as he can, traveling state to state. There is a vibrant online community of people sharing projects and innovations, such as MakeZine.com. More information about our local group and membership can be found at PumpingStationOne.org.

Shellie Lewis

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**Correction from last issue: Matty K's Hardware is not an Ace
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